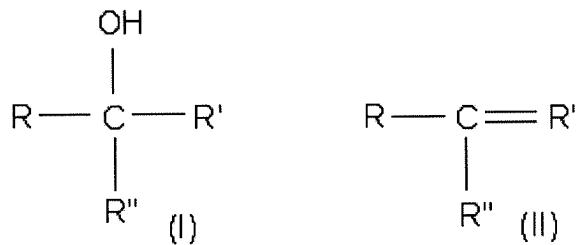


**REMARKS**

Currently, claims 1, 4-10, 12, 14, 17, and 19-30, including independent claims 1 and 17, are pending in the present application. Independent claim 1, for instance, is directed to an article comprising a substrate which includes at least one visual indicating agent in an amount effective to change color when exposed to an odor. The visual indicating agent has the following general formula (I) or (II):



R is H,  $(\text{NH}_2)\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ , or  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ;

R' is  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4$ ,  $(\text{NH}_2)\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{O}$ , or  $(\text{NaCO}_2)\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_5\text{O}$ ; and

R'' is  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4$ ,  $(\text{NH}_2)\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6(\text{OH})$ , or  $(\text{NaCO}_2)\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_5(\text{OH})$ .

Furthermore, previously dependent claim 2 has now been incorporated into independent claim 1 adding the limitation that the substrate further includes an odor absorbing agent.

In the Office Action, previously dependent claim 2 (now incorporated into independent claim 1) and independent claim 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Specifically, the Office Action stated that the general formula was written as a chemical reaction and it is unclear as to which of the formulas is the visual indicating agent.

Applicant respectfully disagrees that it is unclear as to which of the formulas is the visual indicating agent. The visual indicating agent may have the general formula (I) or (II). The formulas representation in chemical reaction form has no bearing on the structure of formula (I) or (II). However, in an attempt to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 17 to remove the chemical reaction indication. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the § 112 rejections.

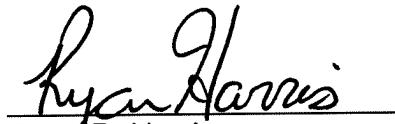
As a final matter, the provisional rejection of previously dependent claim 2 over co-pending Application No. 10/687,270 for obviousness-type double patenting is noted. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith for Application No. 10/687,270. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action, therefore, is respectfully requested. Examiner George is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues remain after consideration of this Amendment.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

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